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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: **NOVEL THIO-CONTAINING HYDROXY-6-PHENYLPHENANTHRIDINES AND
THEIR USE AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-10, 12 and 15-16, cancel claims 11 and 13-14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and add new claim 17 as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 1 as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in